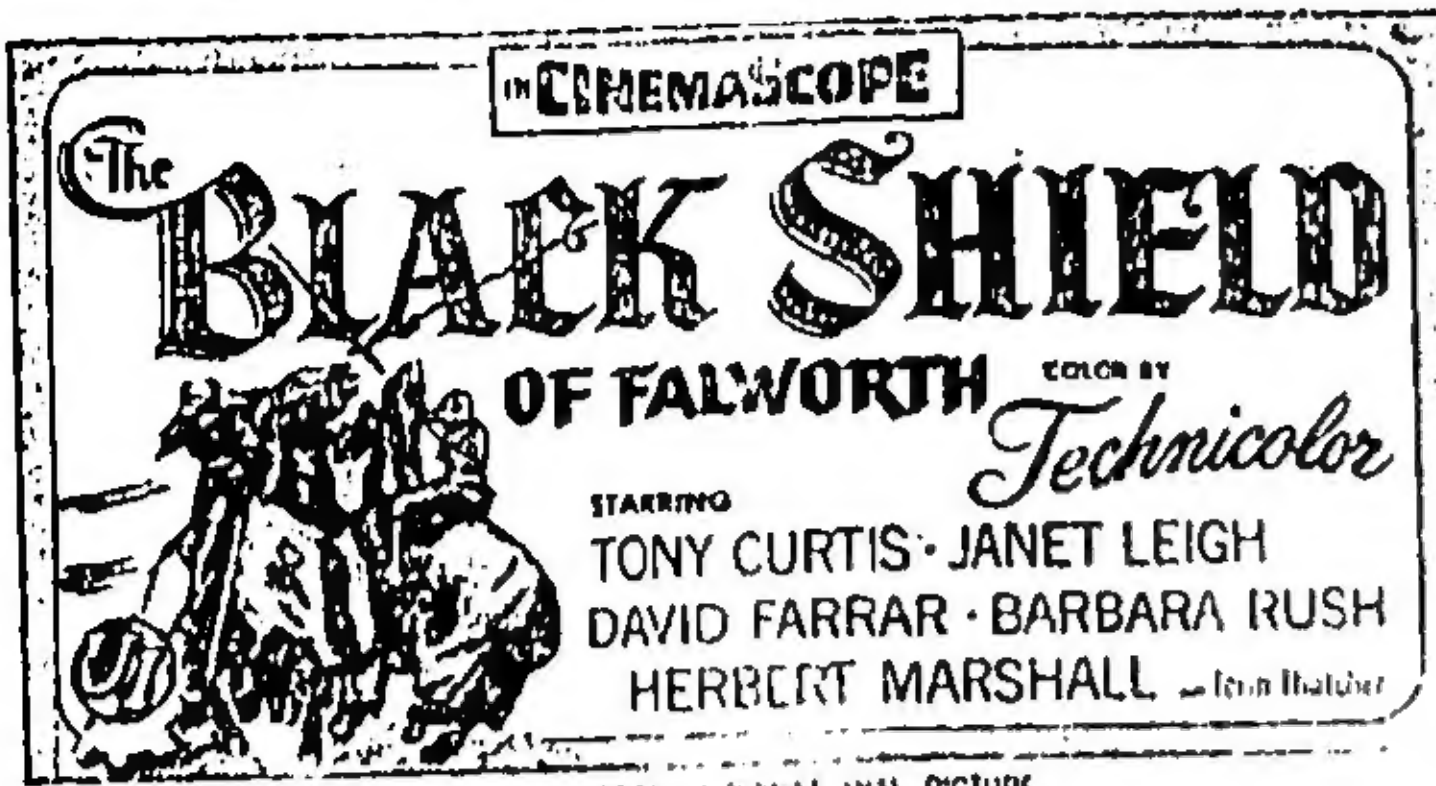


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Ex-King Peter of Yugoslavia and his wife, Alexandra, who have been separated for a year with divorce proceedings pending, have now become reconciled. They met unexpectedly at Gstaad, Switzerland, while both were there to visit their 9-year-old son who is at school, and decided to make up their quarrels at a Christmas dinner party.—Express Photo.

FRANCO-TUNISIAN TALKS

Mr France May Intervene

Paris, Jan. 4.

Premier Pierre Mendes-France appeared to be ready tonight to intervene personally in the stalled Franco-Tunisian self-rule negotiations in an attempt to bring them to a swift and successful conclusion.

The talks will resume tonight between the Minister for Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs, M. Christian Fouchet, and a Tunisian delegation.

The Premier is expected to call in both the French and the Tunisian delegations in the next day or two, listen to their arguments and try to act as an arbiter between them.

The self-rule talks, which started off in an aura of goodwill last September, have bogged down in recent weeks on the question of control of the police, the courts and the schools in Tunisia. But informed sources said that the only apparently insurmountable obstacle is control of the police.

EMPTY GESTURE
Tunisian negotiators insist that without power to the police themselves, France's vaunted offer of autonomy is nothing but an empty gesture.

M. Mendes-France was reported to have some new ideas on how to surmount that difficulty.

Responsible French and Tunisian circles were alarmed over the inflammatory statement by the Neo-Destour (New Constitution) Secretary-General, General Salah Ben Youssef, yesterday that France never had any intention of granting Tunisia home rule.

The statement was published in all Tunis newspapers today but without comment. Meanwhile, French military authorities in Algiers announced that three fellaghas were killed, five wounded and four made

prisoners in a battle with a French infantry unit yesterday on the Tunisian-Algerian border. They were members of Tamer Lamsoued's band, officials said, who had been refused amnesty by the French during the period when the outlaws were called upon to lay down their arms. Lamsoued was refused amnesty because of his implication in two murders.

In Morocco, isolated acts of terrorism continued to claim lives. Six terrorists, including two members of the dreaded Fzmaln Weir (Black Hand) band, were executed near Rabat today and the French authorities announced that the assassin of the noted French newspaper editor Dr Eyraud would go on trial tomorrow.

OUTSPOKEN
Dr Eyraud, Director of the Vigne Marocaine, was shot and killed on June 30 as he was walking to work. He was a forthright and outspoken opponent of Moroccan nationalism. Only one of his accused murderers has been captured. The other, reported to be in Spanish Morocco, will be tried in absentia.—United Press.

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Rings Ready For Shipboard Romances

Melbourne, Jan. 4. Passengers who fall in love on the liner Orsova, travelling between Australia and Britain, can buy engagement rings on the ship.

The British Jewellery Industry suggested to the Orient Line that it try out carrying a stock of engagement rings for shipboard romances.

If the idea works, other Orient liners will have a stock of rings.

Prices range from £10 to £500.—China Mail Special.

DUAL ROLE FOR LOUW

Pretoria, Jan. 5. The South African Prime Minister, Mr. J. G. van der Westhuizen, announced today that Mr. E. Louw, Minister of Finance, is to be Minister for Foreign Affairs while retaining his present post.

Mr. Louw will assume the new portfolio when he arrives in Cape Town for the parliamentary session beginning this month.

When Mr. Steyn announced his Cabinet last month he said the External Affairs Department, traditionally headed by the Prime Minister, would be separated from the Premier's Department.

Mr. Louw was Minister of Economic Affairs in the previous Government headed by Dr. Daniel Malan, who retired on November 30.

Paper Attacks Jap Fishermen In Aust. Waters

Melbourne, Jan. 5. The Australian Government must tell the Japanese fishermen to go away—and stay away, the Melbourne Argus urged editorially today.

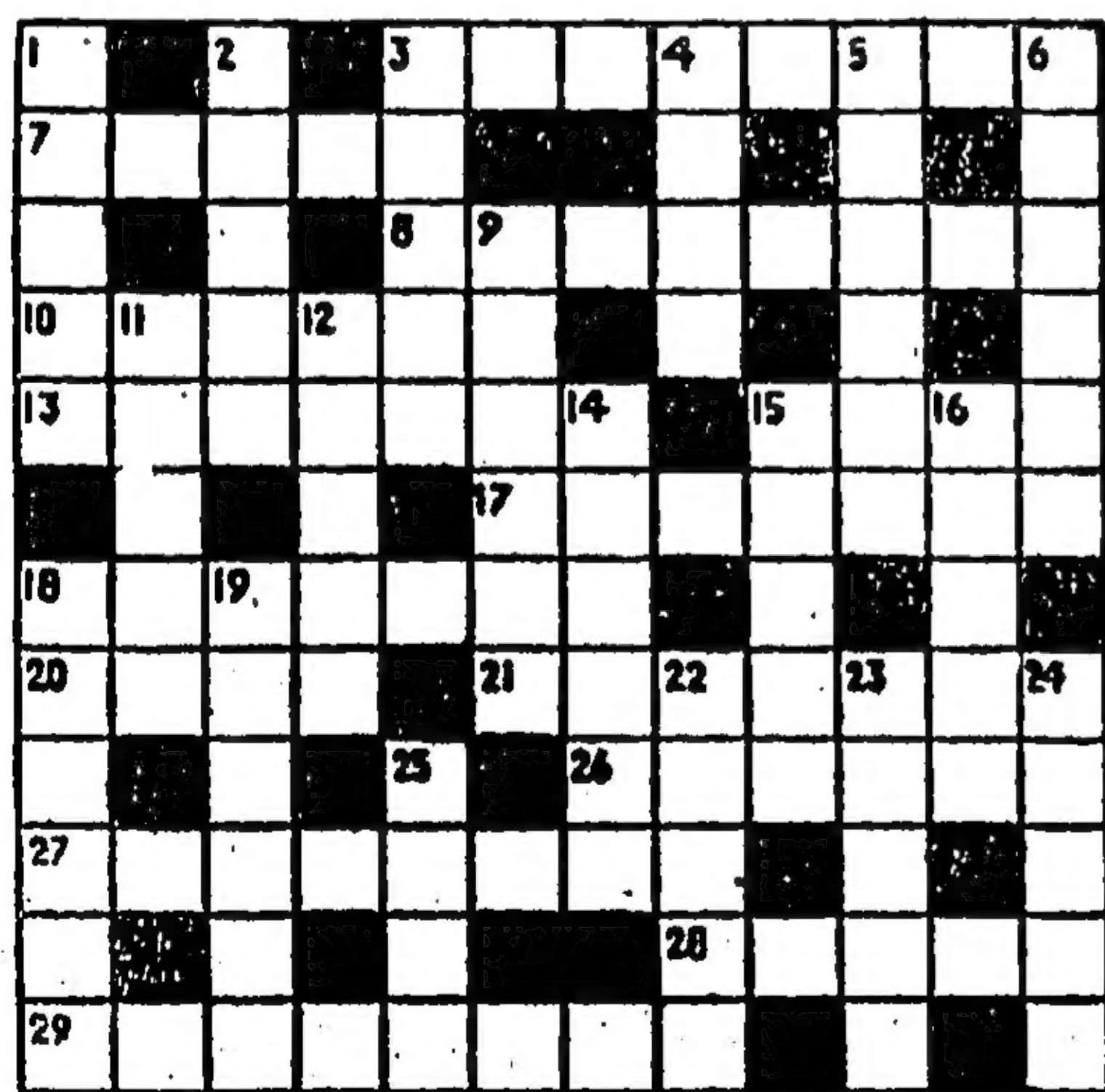
The paper referred to the discovery of Japanese fishing vessels in Australian declared waters and the finding of fishing buoys at the Australian coast.

The paper commented: "The Japs are thumbing their noses at us."

The Japanese apparently wanted to go a lot further than permit fishing agreements allowed, the paper added.

"It's time they were pulled up with a jolt," the editorial said. "Free movement of Japanese fishing craft in our home waters involves the vital defence security of our northern approaches."—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Snakes, etc. (8).
 - Weird (6).
 - Felicitous (8).
 - Tell (6).
 - Table support (7).
 - Repose (4).
 - Getting on in years (7).
 - Vengeance (7).
 - Poems (4).
 - Ousted (7).
 - Landed property (6).
 - Delatation (6).
 - Unfasten (6).
 - Tender (8).
- DOWN**
- Centre (5).
 - Commonplace (5).
 - Sand (5).
 - Tidy (4).
 - Kind of boat (5).
 - Thing pledged as security for payment (6).
 - Assort (6).
 - Went astray (6).
 - Beasts of burden (5).
 - Team (6).
 - Respond to stimulus (5).
 - Mixture of rain and snow (5).
 - Wandered (6).
 - Ship (6).
 - Outcome (5).
 - Savory (5).
 - Submit (6).
 - Flat circular plate (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Stolid, 5. Dally, 8. Totem, 9. Sudden, 10. Funny, 11. Movie, 12. Eban, 13. Coase, 16. Diesel, 18. Credit, 20. Speed, 22. Bill, 23. Music, 25. Mimic, 26. Locust, 27. Strip, 28. Press, 29. Roams. Down: 1. Suspense, 2. Ordinance, 3. Item, 4. Donated, 6. Defect, 8. Amuse, 7. Links, 14. Asylum, 15. Exultate, 16. Deduct, 17. Smiling, 19. Ramble, 21. Priory, 24. Cook.

Egypt Urged To Allow Safe Passage

United Nations, Jan. 4. The big Western powers urged Egypt today to allow ships of all nations—including Israel—to pass freely through the Suez Canal.

Britain, the United States, France and Brazil told Egypt in the U.N. Security Council that she had an international obligation to extend to all countries the right to freedom of navigation in the Canal.

The Security Council met for the sixth time to consider the case of the Israeli merchant ship Bat Galim, seized by Egypt in the Canal area last September 28. The vessel's crew of ten was released three days ago and Egypt has expressed willingness to release the crew and cargo to Israel.

Egypt still claims, however, that she has the right to deny the use of the Canal to Israeli shipping as a matter of national security.

NEUTRAL SHIP

The Egyptian Ambassador, Mr. Omar Loutfi, told the Council today that his government was prepared to release the Bat Galim cargo, which could be carried on a "neutral" ship to Haifa.

He said release of the ship might be arranged through a sub-committee of the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission.

Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., United States delegate, said he was optimistic that Israel and Egypt would take further steps to reduce tension in the Middle East and settle their differences peacefully. But he made it clear that his government expected Egypt to open the Canal to Israeli traffic.

Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain took issue with Egypt on Egypt's interpretation of the Constantinople Convention and asked for clarification of what Mr. Loutfi proposed for release of the ship.

Sir Pierson said Britain attached "the highest degree of importance to the principle of freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal."

"The Egyptian Government has repeatedly declared its intention of abiding by the conventions of Constantinople. My government welcomes the clear and taken by the Egyptian Government on the convention but my government is not able to accept the interpretation placed on the convention by the Egyptian Government."

RESOLUTION RECALLED

Sir Pierson recalled the 1951 resolution which called on Egypt to terminate restrictions on shipping bound to or from Israel and passing through the Suez Canal.

He said it appeared the government of Egypt had not yet

seen its way fully to comply with the resolution.

"The Palestine armistice agreement clearly looked forward to a permanent settlement, a settlement which still chafes the parties, and which the Security Council, with the best will in the world, cannot bring about. We cannot do this without the co-operation of the parties on questions where its decisions are unwelcome to one or the other. If the authority of the Council is undermined, the consequences might well be disastrous."

Sir Pierson said that sending the Bat Galim to the Suez Canal "was, I suppose, intended by Israel as a test case of its right to use the Canal. The government of Israel is within its rights, but whether or not it was expedient to make this test is a matter for the government of Israel."

Sir Pierson also said he "should have hoped that the Egyptian Government could have seen its way clear to let the ship proceed on its course through the Canal" after Egypt withdrew its charges against the crew.

REGRETS

He said this would have "left all questions of principle untouched but it at least would have settled the adventure of this particular ship. I regret very much that this course has not been followed."

The French delegate, M. Henri Hoppenot, supported the British views on the convention and said Egypt could not legally stop the Bat Galim from going through the Canal.—United Press.

Investigation Into Use Of Marijuana

Johannesburg, Jan. 4. The problem of addiction to daga (marijuana) is now regarded as sufficiently serious by the World Health Organisation in Geneva for the organisation to plan a full-scale investigation into the use of the drug in South Africa and other countries.

The investigation will aim at proving whether daga is an addiction-producing drug.

A South African scientist, Professor J. W. Watt, of the University of the Witwatersrand, who has just returned from the fifth meeting in Geneva of the World Health Organisation's Expert Committee on addiction-producing drugs has been asked to report on the daga problem in South Africa.

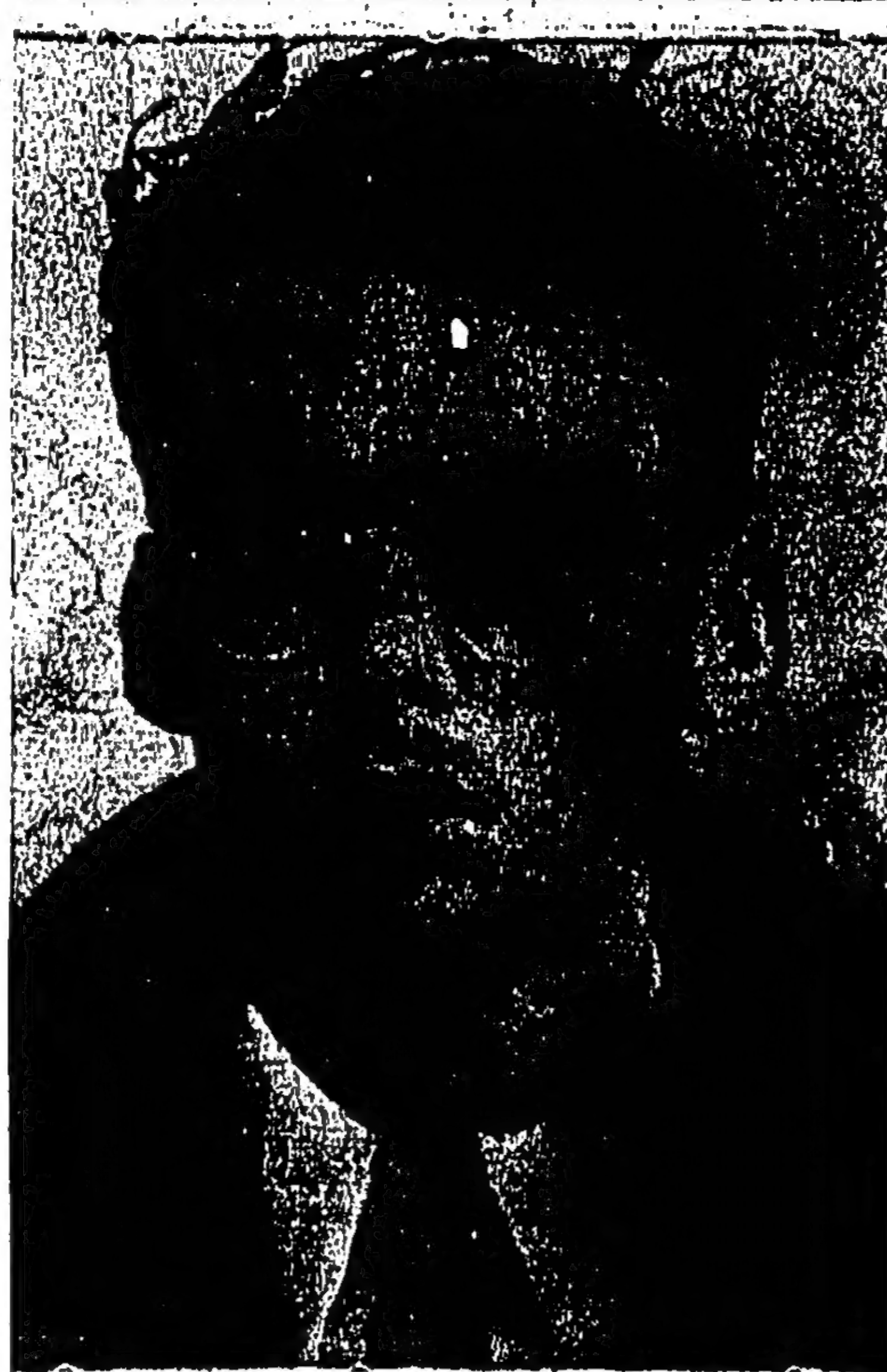
When his report is completed it will be sent, with reports from other countries where daga is used, to the World Health Organisation, which will then form an opinion on whether the use of the drug is harmful or not.—China Mail Special.

AGA KHAN BETTER

Cairo, Jan. 4. The Aga Khan, leader of the Ismaili Muslim Sect, who is at present in Answan (Upper Egypt) is slightly better after an attack of high fever on January 1, it was learned here today from members of his staff.

At one point his state was considered to be serious. However, his private physicians who flew from Cannes to be with him, have reported a slight improvement.

His son, Aly Khan, has also arrived in Cairo to spend three days with his father. It is not known whether the visit is a mere coincidence or whether Aly Khan flew here on account of his father's illness.—France Press.



Braceleted, meek-mannered John Clarence, to whom spying was a mania and who had a passion for self-importance, was jailed at the Old Bailey, London, for five years for helping himself to British Military secrets. He offered to spy for the Russians and he pleaded to counter-act for the Americans. He joined the Communist Party with big spy dreams but was expelled after a period of five months.—Express Photo.

Milk For Adenauer And A Warning To Mr France

Bonn, Jan. 4. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who has been drinking wine for most of his four score years will soon be offered milk as a substitute.

Dr Adenauer will be 79 on Wednesday and is expected to receive his usual shower of gifts and congratulations.

Among the gifts is one from his own Government.

The gift to be presented by the Minister of Agriculture, Herr Hermann Loebe, will consist of samples of milk from all nine States of the West German Republic. In addition, there will be cheese, butter, eggs and poultry.

Herr Loebe also has amassed samples of all baby foods produced in Germany from milk. Officials said that there probably would be distributed among the younger of Dr Adenauer's 13 grandchildren.

Officials said that the idea for the gift was hatched when Dr Adenauer was forced to admit during a Paris conference with M. Mendes-France in October that he did not know the price of milk in West Germany.

The Chancellor, a Rhineland-er by birth, has a fine palate for



I like milk

the best Rhine and Moselle wine and recently was reported to have acquired a new-found taste for Schnapps.

We one could recall seeing him down a glass of milk.

Meanwhile in Paris the evening newspaper "Paris Press" reported tonight that French Premier Pierre Mendes-France had gained weight since he took office last summer, "unlike all his predecessors"—and blamed it all on his fondness for milk.

"M. Mendes-France—beware of putting on weight," the newspaper warned. It quoted the medical writer, "Dr O. P." as warning that every time he drinks a glass of milk—which happens often—he should reduce his food intake correspondingly, or he would have two baby calves.

Civilian Wore RCAF Uniform: Case Dismissed

Ottawa, Jan. 4. Canada will ask for an immediate clarification of the status of Canadian service uniforms under British law, a Defence spokesman said today.

The Department was thrown into a flurry of legal consultations today when it was learned that a Nottingham magistrate in England had dismissed a charge against a British civilian wearing an RCAF corporal's uniform on the grounds that the British Uniform Act did not apply to Canadian servicemen.

The ruling, by itself, would mean that anyone could wear a

Canadian military uniform in Britain without prosecution.

After hastily consulting old records, officers of the Judge Advocate General's branch of the Defence Department here said they could not criticize magistrate Peter Banks' decision based on the 1904 Act. But authorities conversant with British law said the British Parliament had passed an act within the past few years governing the status of North Atlantic Treaty forces in Britain.

This act was believed to parallel closely the act recently passed by the Canadian Parliament governing NATO forces in Canada. Under it the national integrity of visiting NATO forces in Canada is maintained without violating Canadian sovereignty.

Inquiries will be made through the British High Commissioner's office here and the Canadian High Commissioner's office in London on how the British act would apply in the Nottingham case, unofficial sources said.—United Press.

Child's Harsh Words Send Mother To Death

Paris, Jan. 4. A young mother, Mme. Keano Marache, committed suicide by throwing herself under a Metro (underground subway) train because her two-and-a-half-year-old son said, "I don't love you any more."

This was the motive given by Paris police for the mother's suicide. Mme. Marache, aged 30, wife of a policeman, had become unusually sensitive since the birth of her child, friends said.

This week, the child remarked, apparently without thought, "I don't want to see you any more. I don't love you any more."

Relatives tried to reason with the young mother by saying, "Be reasonable. Don't exaggerate the meaning of the child's words. As you can plainly see, your child still kisses and hugs you. He doesn't know what he is saying at that age."

But, yesterday, without leaving a farewell letter, Mme. Marache met death under the wheels of a Metro train.—France-Press.

British Judges Resign In Sudan

Khartoum, Jan. 4. The Chief Justice of the Sudan, Mr. W. O. B. Lindsay, today submitted his resignation to the Governor-General, Sir Robert Howe, together with that of all 12 British judges in the Sudan.

Although the time limit between resignation and final departure is six months under Sudanisation law, the British judges are expected to leave during the next two months.

The Sudanese Government is seeking to engage a number of Indian and Pakistani judges to replace them, particularly for the southern provinces.

The resignation of the judges follows the resignation of 41 British officials on January 1. The action of these officials was in accordance with the Sudanese Government's Expatriate Official Compensation Bill, which sanctions compensation for British officials whose posts are being taken over by Sudanese nationals.—Reuter.

Smokers' Club In Boys' School

Capetown, Jan. 6. Finding that smoking among the boys could not be prevented a South African school has taken steps to control it.

It is the High School of Industries at George, where boys from 14 to 18 learn trade skills under the provisions of the Children's Protection Act.

Membership of a smokers' club here is conditional on the boys' learning by heart a "smokers' promise" which acknowledges that smoking is a bad habit.

Mr. C. F. Storker, the Principal, said in an interview that the staff had found that smoking among the boys could not be suppressed.

"Because the next thing to do educationally is to control we called the smokers together and under our guidance got them to draw up a set of smoking rules."

"The Smokers' Club" was formed last 14; the condition

ALL-JET FLYING BOAT

Washington, Jan. 4. The United States Navy today revealed details of a new flying boat, powered by four jet engines, which is capable of flying more than 600 miles an hour and carrying a 30,000-pound load.

The flying boat, the "Seamaster," is America's first all-jet seaplane. It is as large as a commercial airliner.

Built by the Glen L. Martin Company of Baltimore, it carries a crew of five and has been designed to function in six-foot waves. The plane will join the Navy's seaplane striking force next spring. Its main function will be mine laying and photo reconnaissance, but it can also be used for bombing.

Company officials said that in wartime, the plane could be used on seas and rivers over five-sixths of the world's surface. For the first time it would provide the means to "operate in or near enemy waters independent of fixed installations or foreign bases."—Reuter.

Tokyo, Jan. 4. Prince Mikasa, youngest brother of Emperor Hirohito, today christened his third son Norihito.

The baby was born last Wednesday, December 29. Prince Mikasa now has three sons and two daughters.—China Mail Special.

Hong Kong Birds

Herklots, G. A. C. 1952. Hong Kong Birds. Pp. vii+233, 11 pls., 8 in colour, numerous black-and-white drawings in text. Hong Kong: South China Morning Post, Ltd.—HK\$35.00.

"... a most welcome handbook for ornithologists resident or stationed in Hong Kong. All the hitherto recorded species are included; plumages are clearly and concisely described, and a short account is given of field characters, voices, habits, status, etc. The illustrations, except for three plates of photographs, are all by G. A. C. M. Hughes, and include four attractive plates of the heads of 42 species and many useful drawings in the text. The writer of this review would have benefited greatly from this book when stationed in Hong Kong some years ago. Even now, on referring to it, some 40 unfamiliar species on which notes were made at the time have almost all proved easily identifiable."—D. W. S.

(Extract from "The Bird" official organ of the British Ornithologists' Union, British Museum).

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Nathaniel Gubbins

MY dear Stomach, As I have stopped sending down bread and potatoes for three months, can you explain why you are not flat by now? I would also like some explanation of your inconsistencies. On one day I find there is a considerable space between you and my trousers. On the following day my trousers will hardly meet across you.

I do not remember swallowing a football.

Yours faithfully,
N. Gubbins.

Sir, In reply to your undated letter I enclose a cutting from a newspaper. In this you will see that General William Hoge, commander of United States troops in Europe, has noticed that too many soldiers in the American army are overweight with protruding stomachs. In a directive intended to correct the situation issued from his headquarters at Heidelberg the general does not mention bread and potatoes. He recommends a reduction in the consumption of alcohol.

I remain, sir, faithfully,
Your Stomach.

My dear Stomach, Your point about alcohol has been noted, but you appear to have forgotten Christmas and New Year. I presume that you did not expect me to be a teetotaler at such a difficult time of the year.

I also note that you have not explained the inconsistencies mentioned in my first letter.

meal it is not unusual for you to send down a lot of food on day and nothing the next. It is these circumstances, I go up and down like an inflated and deflated football it is not my fault.

Faithfully,
Your Stomach.

Dear Tum, Why can't you be more friendly?

If I promise to send down small regular meals every day and go on the winter wagon after the holidays, will you promise to go flat early in the New Year?

Cordially,
Nat.

Sir, As our association has never been on a friendly basis and as your promises made every New Year have never been kept for more than a week, I can see no reason for ending the state of war which has always existed between us. Moreover, since it is impossible to rectify years of self-indulgence in a few weeks no useful purpose can be served by the consideration of your proposal.

Faithfully,
Your Stomach.

Darling Tum, Please think it over. Best wishes for a happy New Year.

Nat.

Sir, I have thought it over and refer you to my previous letter. Experience tells me that your good wishes are a mockery. This correspondence must now cease.

Bitterly,
Your Stomach.

I also note that you have not explained the inconsistencies mentioned in my first letter.

Sincerely,
N. Gubbins.

Sir, I congratulate you on your effortless appreciation of my point about alcohol. I can assure you that I do not expect you to become a teetotaler at Christmas, or at any other time. During our long association I have learned not to expect much. Regarding the inconsistencies the explanation is simple. You cannot expect my size to remain constant day by day if you treat me like the stomach of a bon constricteur, which, I believe, is constructed by nature to deal with a month's food supply at one intake. Although you have never sent down a month's supply at one

Aunt Fixation

A THEORY that the practice of psychiatry may be based on fallacies has startled the entire medical world with the exception of Dr Gubbins, the notorious Fleet Street quack.

Dr Gubbins writes: Although I have been warning readers for years that psychiatry is poppycock it is certain that the case will come as a blow to millions who are happy to find an excuse to blame others for their behaviour.

No longer will dispensaries be able to say they are cringing themselves into a stupor because their mothers snatched half-empty bottles of milk away from them when they were

babies. They will have to admit at last that they drink because they like the stuff.

It will be the same with those who eat too much. The excuse that they were forced to finish up food they didn't like when they were young will not be accepted. Everybody will know now that they are disgusting pigs.

For years people who know nothing about the subject have been worrying their little minds about father and mother fixations. Roughly, this jargon means that if a young man falls in love with a woman twice his age he has been starved of mother love. By the same reasoning a boy who had been starved of grandmother love would marry a centenarian.

One of my patients was a young man who haunted the homes for rich, elderly women. He liked nothing better than to push them around in invalid chairs. Knowalls said he had a mother fixation. But I know what he had. It was an aunt fixation.

When he was a boy he had a mean aunt who never pressed half-crowns into his little palm. Her birthday presents were mince. When she died she left her money to somebody else.

Furious at his bad luck this young man was determined to find an aunt with money. He pushed several old ladies around until he found the wealthiest: with the weakest heart. A few chancy journeys against the traffic lights finished her off.

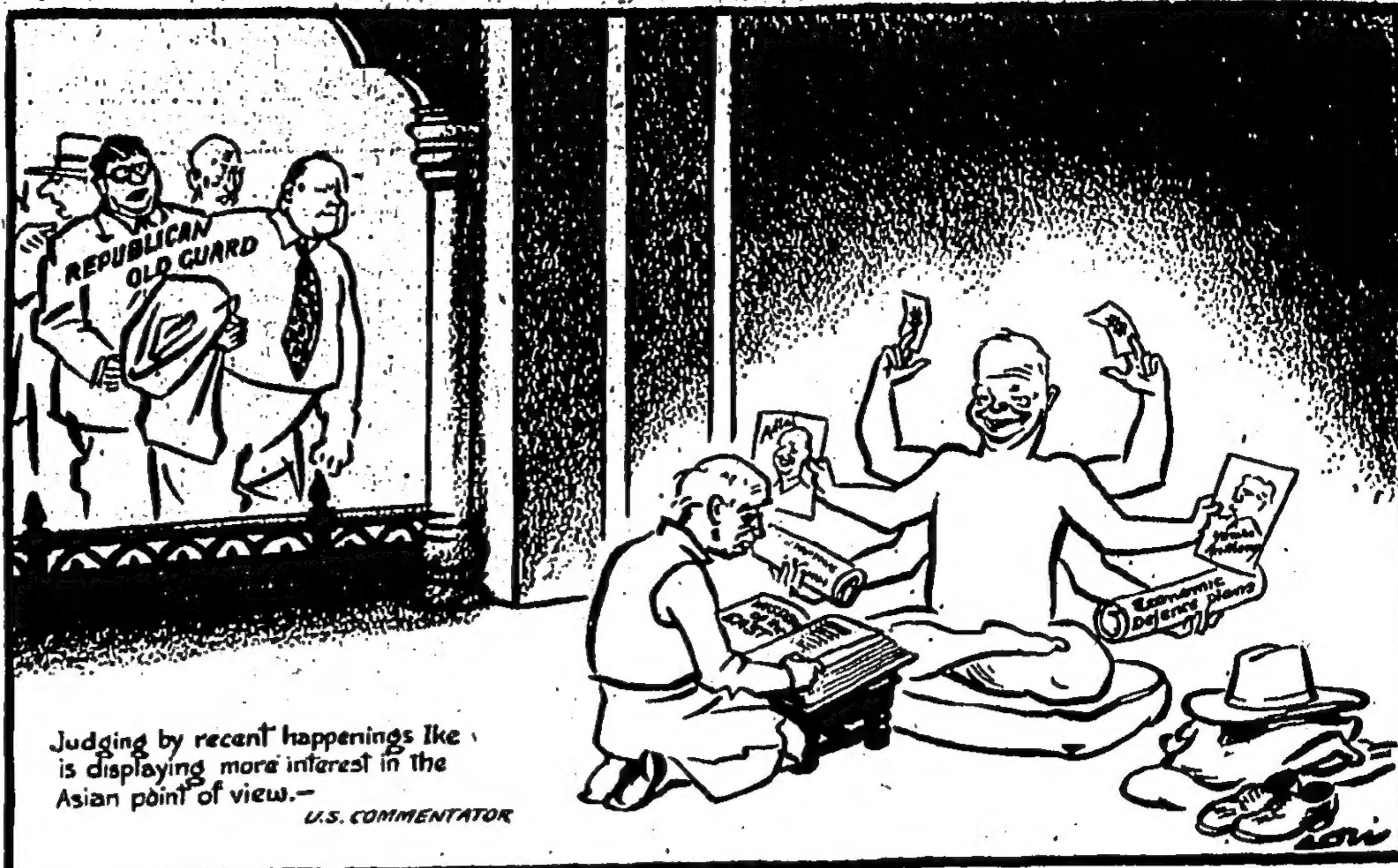
It didn't need a psychiatrist to tell that he not only had an aunt fixation but what his mind was fixed on. When she died she left him her fortune and he lived happily ever after.

Bon Sante, Denise

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Denise of Chatelet-en-Brie cried: "Merri, mada je n'aime pas le lait" (Thanks, but I don't like milk) at the opening of the drink-more-milk campaign in alcoholic France.

If she had only added: "Donnez-moi le Dubonnet du mon oncle" (Give me my uncle's Dubonnet) she might have been immortalised in the famous advertisements and got herself a free bottle from the makers.

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Judging by recent happenings like this, displaying more interest in the Asian point of view.—

U.S. COMMENTATOR

"H'M... DON'T LIKE HIS ATTITUDE"

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THE WORLD'S STRANGEST STORIES

HE GAVE GEORGE V NOTICE TO QUIT

By Stuart Friend



He called himself 'King Anthony I of England'

A TEN-PAGE document, probably unique among the multifarious correspondence sent to Royalty, arrived at Buckingham Palace one bleak February morning 23 years ago. This document was sealed in an envelope addressed not to The King's Most Excellent Majesty but to George Frederick Ernest Albert Windsor, Esq.

Esquire indeed! Who was this impudent individual who dared call King George V a commoner? The letter gave the answer—and enclosed a "notice to quit" served on the King, requiring him "in the name of the law forthwith to relinquish the Imperial Crown and all the dignities, honours, preeminences, prerogatives, authorities, jurisdiction, lands and possessions to the same annexed or belonging."

If the Palace officials thought this seemed audacious, it was nothing compared to the feelings of Anthony William Hall, who failed to receive a reply. To ignore such a demand was, he thought, outrageous; especially as the document had been written by "King Anthony I of England" himself.

Second Summons

So this 35-year-old self-styled rightful sovereign of England sat down in his "palace" at St Owen's Street, Hereford, to prepare a second summons. This time he required George V to leave the realm. Still there was no reply. Nor to ten further demands dispatched within a month to Buckingham Palace.

So began a one-man campaign for the Crown; a campaign which Hall ceaselessly pursued for 17 years; a campaign that ended only when death came to its instigator.

The world first heard of the man who thought he was king when he laid claim to the throne in public. Launching his campaign in St Peter's Square, Hereford, on a quiet March night in 1931, this tall, thick-set man announced: "I am Anthony Tudor, King of England, tenth in direct male descent from His Majesty King Henry VIII and Queen Anne Boleyn."

Hall gave his audience the same reasons for his regal claim as he had already stated in document form to George V a dozen times over.

one wonders which king he served—had offered scope to study the psychology of the masses; he hadn't been a business man in Canada for nothing; nor had he risen to the rank of police inspector in the Shropshire Constabulary without learning always to be prepared for the unexpected.

"Hall?" he would echo at the crowds. "Why, surely you know that Henry VIII had a male child by Anne Boleyn before he divorced Catherine of Aragon?"

This child, he informed the throng, was brought up in Sussex by a farmer named Hall. He could, therefore, trace his ancestry directly back to his ancestor named John Hall. The boy never dared press his "rightful" claim because it would have been dangerous, since Elizabeth sat on the throne during his manhood.

Those who scoffed that illegitimacy was a barrier to Royal inheritance were offered the retort: "Saxon Harold, William the Conqueror and Henry VII all had a bend sinister in their escutcheon, and Henry's claim as a Lancastrian was admittedly through a bastardy."

When, then, could challenge this self-confessed "illegitimate" male Tudor of legitimate Royal descent?

Little Wonder

At more than 1,000 meetings up and down the realm in six years some of Anthony's retorts to hecklers were most unkingly and resulted in a general freedom for all in Hyde Park, on Tower Hill, at Birmingham, Southend, Hereford, . . .

Little wonder that his campaign for the Crown took this "monarch" on occasions not to His Majesty's Court but to the magistrates' court.

Not that these judicial visits unduly perturbed him. As Police Inspector Hall had written text-books on police procedure. Now, as King Anthony I of England, he seized every opportunity of proving his "true" identity in oration from the dock.

Abolition of income tax and death duties. (These, he claimed, were non-existent in Tudor times.)

Full-strength beer and longer licensing hours.

"Redemption" of the £7,630,000,000 National Debt; Abolition of wireless licences and better programmes; Rebuilding of London to accommodate a future population of 100,000,000;

Rebuilding of the grounds of Windsor Castle; and a Ministry of Pleasure.

On the death of King George V the dignified monarch of North London with such excellent intentions was convinced that his chance, had at last arrived to occupy his "rightful" place at Buckingham Palace.

Not to be outdone, King Anthony—as all North London knew the man whose source of income remained a mystery—again moved palace and enthroned himself, more appropriately, at King's Crescent, Finsbury Park.

From his sparsely-furnished rooms at No. 19 he "minted" his own pound notes, "issuing" them at meetings with his famous manifestos.

Quiet Habits

This paper "currency" was a remarkable piece of handiwork. It resembled an ordinary pound note in appearance, but bore the inscription: "Royal Mint of England. One Pound." Each note was signed "Anthony," who styled himself Master of the Mint.

Today they still remember this strange man in King's Crescent.

"How could we forget such a sovereign?" said Mrs May Eden at her terrace house next door to the former "palace."

She remembered him well. "King Anthony was usually

quiet in his habits. He dressed quite ordinarily and rarely spoke to his 'subjects' in this road," she said.

The reason, presumably, was his permanently hoarse voice, rough from addressing up to five open-air assemblies a day at this period. His pen, too, was crusading for the "Royal cause."

In April, 1937, he campaigned to stop the Coronation. How? By sending an injunction to Dr Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury, demanding that he "shall not crown Albert Wettin (King George VI) as King of England as he is not of the Blood Royal of England."

This forthright demand filled two foolscap sheets, each headed with a Tudor crest.

The populace were given a fresh talking-point the following year when King Anthony claimed the crown of Ireland. You see, he explained, his mother's maiden name was "Eire."

Divorce Suit

Another relative was to hit the Hall headlines a few months later. This time his wife, Ethel, charged him in the divorce court with desertion. Granting Mrs Hall a decree nisi, Mr Justice Langton described Hall as "a man of most tempestuous, undisciplined and erratic disposition."

In 1939, Anthony laid formal claim to the Imperial Throne of Germany—because "my armies defeated the Kaiser's armies in 1914-18, I therefore claim his territories and titles by right of conquest."

After the Second World War, which even Anthony could not avoid, he returned to Herefordshire, still campaigning for the Crown to be placed on his own head, which was by now getting bald.

His postwar efforts, however, were short-lived. Just before Christmas, 1947, 53-year-old Anthony William Hall died at Little Dowchurch, near Hereford.

GERMANY'S HAPPY NEW YEAR

By James Irvine

Bonn. WEST German leaders this week looked back on a good year that saw their nation becoming richer and happier. And they took a look too into the new year—the year in which Germany will stop out "in the new-found freedom" the Paris Agreement will give her.

They promised even better things. And all this despite the great sums the nation would have to pay to rearm. But both Dr Adenauer and Herr Berg, the president of the West German Federation of Industry, said that rearmament would not be allowed to interfere with Germany's economic expansion.

Rearmament could not—and would not—be allowed to destroy all the things "West Germany" had achieved in 1954: "considerable and unbroken economic expansion, booming industrial expansion, higher investment in industry, raised standard of living, unemployment checked, refugees housed,

homes built, racial expenditure maintained. It was not political propaganda Dr Adenauer was speaking when he said he was "entirely satisfied" with the events of 1954.

Altogether he seemed mightily pleased. And he had good enough cause to be. On the home front, most things seemed rosy.

And Herr Berg added the final good news that rearmament would not dent the country's economy as many people believed it would. Rearmament would not over-tax the economy, he said. Nor would it call for any special money measures to maintain it. And exports and industries producing goods for local consumption would not be affected either.

Nazi Who Sank The Royal Oak

By Harold M. Harris

TENS of thousands of Germans lined the streets of Berlin to acclaim Captain Lieutenant Gunther Prien when he drove to the Chancellery to receive the thanks of his Fuehrer. He had just returned from one of the most famous exploits of the war.

The U-boat which he commanded had burst through the supposedly immune defences of Scapa Flow and sunk the Royal Oak, with the loss of 800 lives.

Churchill himself acknowledged that the raid had been carried out with professional skill and daring. Fifteen years later, the ace U-boat commander's autobiography is published in Britain. It cheapens and makes tawdry a feat which might otherwise have occupied an honoured place in the history of naval warfare.

Prien was not only a brave man. He was also a braggart and a bully. An ardent Nazi, he combined sentimentality and callousness—that fearful combination which produces the recurring and menacing enigma of the Germans.

When he first went to sea as a cabin-boy he bitterly resented the contempt of the fully-fledged seamen. As soon as he signed on as a seaman he behaved in exactly the same way to the new cabin-boy.

UP THE LADDER

His resolute pursuit of promotion by ingratiating himself with his superiors did not, apparently, endear him to his shipmates. In fact, it led to a fight— which Prien won. Not relishing a punch on the ear from his bigger opponent, he clutched his thumb and bent it back until it broke.

He had the misfortune to receive his master's ticket at the height of the great depression. There were few jobs at that time for British seamen either, but the unemployed of Britain did not flock to the Fascist ranks. Yet it was inevitable in the Germany of 1932, that Prien should join the National Socialist Party.

Still unemployed, he volunteered for a Labour Corps. Thanks to the methods which had been so successful in the merchant navy, he was promoted rapidly over the heads of senior men.

"I was far too busy to bother much about their feelings," wrote this compendium of the Nazi virtues.

The next we hear of him is as an ordinary seaman in the German navy, about mounting the rungs of the ladder once again.

He was First Officer in one of the German U-boats sent by Hitler to aid Franco in the Spanish Civil War. "We were able to hear distant gun fire. The sound got into our blood. . . . By the time war was declared he was commanding his own U-boat."

He sank more than 60,000 tons of British merchant shipping in one tour of duty. Not that this was a happy ship. "The least provocation would lead to fuming tempers and brawls," her commander wrote. "We couldn't stand the sight of each other any more."

KNIGHT'S CROSS

But that was some time after the night of suspense in Scapa Flow. Torpedoed from point-blank range, the Royal Oak blew up in a bursting flash of multi-coloured flame and exploding ammunition. And Prien took his boat out of the horns' nest, wriggling through the narrow, until she reached the open sea and safety.

In Berlin, Hitler pinned the Knight's Cross on the hero's breast. "Never had I felt his greatness as intensely as in this moment. What was I in comparison with this man!"

True it is that Prien, who was presumed killed at sea in 1941, wrote his book while the war was still being fought. True that he intended it for propaganda. But even if these allowances are made, the English publisher's claim that three-quarters of a million copies have been sold in Germany is itself a reflection on three-quarters of a million Germans.

Miniature Masterpieces for Milady...

ROLEX

Superbly elegant. Precisely accurate. Rolex offer a miniature watch of superb elegance, yet with a movement large enough to be a marvel of accuracy—truly the best obtainable!

INDIA IS CHALLENGING JAPAN FOR ASIAN ATHLETIC SUPREMACY

By "RECORDER"

The year 1954 concluded with the Japanese still the supreme power in Asian track and field athletics, in quantity of good performers at least if not in the quality of the best, but the whole sub-continent of India and Pakistan has in these past two months of the year been rumbling into athletic activity on an unprecedented scale.

Not too much information is available about Pakistan, except that their best talent has in the last two months been given three "practice meetings" a month to give it all the competitive experience possible. The best mark reported is a 6.1 seconds effort for the 100 Yards Dash by Muhammad Sharif Butt which is an unofficial world record.

Much more news is coming in regularly from India. The 1954-55 athletic season started there with 70 picked Services and 40 picked Police athletes going into a month's special training camp at New Delhi.

On December 10, Brutus Hamilton of the University of California, one of America's most famous coaches, and Ken Doherty, head track coach at the University of Pennsylvania, arrived in New Delhi to start a two-month tour of India, training coaches at different centres.

Other coaching schemes are going on at other centres and a recent letter from Mr. J. S. Rousseau, India's top professional coach, informed me that he was just about to leave New Delhi to conduct a coaching scheme at Bangalore.

In late November and early December Indian newspapers began reporting a spate of fairly good marks from all over India. There are already more 10-foot high jumpers and 11-foot pole vaulters than there were in the United Kingdom.

WITH A BANG
But the Indian season did not properly open with a bang until December 19 and the large-bang came from Secunderabad where the Annual Championships of the 192 Infantry Brigade of the Indian Army were held.

Over a dozen or more performances that would have been recorded at the Second Asian Games in Manila last May.

One might mention that the 192 Infantry Brigade is the last time in the history of the Indian Army that a single unit of over 100 men has been sent to a single sports meeting.

The Indian season has just started but it seems that organized athletics are doing very well as new national records for the current season now total seven.

The competition is so keen in the 400 and 800 Metres runs that athletes are moving down to shorter or up to longer distances to keep in the Championship race. Sohan Singh Dhanoo, who ran 1:52.0 for 800 Metres at Helsinki in 1952, won the 200 Metres at Secunderabad in 23.0 seconds and the day before, at Madras, Ivan Jacob, once Indian record-holder in the 400 Metres, returned 1:54.4 for 800 Metres this season and has come close to 22.0 seconds in a time trial over 200 Metres.

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BEST IN ASIA
Best Asian athletic performance in the past year were those of Shoji Kogake of Japan,

who cleared 50 feet 3 inches in the Hop, Step and Jump, and Muhammad Iqbal, a Pakistani, who managed a Hammer Throw of 100 feet 3 inches at the White City, London, on his way home from winning the Empire Hammer Championship at Vancouver.

One of the most promising was that of Jagdev Singh of India who at Mountgery, Pakistan, on February 13, won over the 400 Metres hurdles in 52.7 seconds to leave Mirza Khan of Pakistan, later to win the Asian Games Championship in the event, a good 10 yards behind. Jagdev went to Manila but training injuries prevented him from showing his best.

Reviewing the Asian athletic year one has to comment on the fact that it has been a very poor year for Japanese athletics.

New national records were set in the 400 Metres, 800 Metres, Shot Put and Hammer Throw, but the standard of performance improved noticeably only in the distance runs. The Japanese are likewise unpromising. The journal of the PAAF, the last year stated that interest and standard of performance has fallen off largely as a result of the fact that there are no more American track and field coaches in the Philippines. The PAAF also stated that just about sums up the case. Only one Filipino national athletic record has been bettered since before the Pacific War.

Also having an extraordinarily poor year in 1954 was Ceylon. In Ceylon's standards have moved up and there even seems to be a sort of competition for which one produces the better performer.

The appended compilation of 12 best Asian performances in each event for 1954, the first ever attempted, has been made possible by co-operation from the following members of the AFS and Asian AFS: Messrs Wakaki Maeda and Mikio Oda of Tokyo, Mian Omdullah of Lahore, J. S. Rousseau of New Delhi, J. A. Javelin of Dumaguete, P. L. C. S. K. of Jesselton, M. B. of Dikar, Guy Talaverman of Colombia, Lloyd Valberg of Singapore, and Luigi Mengoni of Macerata, Italy.

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100.0 Bulwant Singh (India)
100.0 Abdul Khalid (Pakistan)
100.0 Akhtar Kiyofuji (Japan)
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100.0 Yoshinori Takahashi (Japan)
100.0 Norihiko Kubo (Japan)
100.0 W. S. Talaverman (Col.)
100.0 Akira Kiyofuji (Japan)
100.0 Muhammad Aslam (Pakistan)
100.0 Shigeo Hirano (Japan)
100.0 Kenji Kato (India)
100.0 Takeuchi Fuyuka (Japan)
100.0 T. S. Talaverman (Col.)
100.0 Genaro Cabrera (Phil.)

200 METRES DASH
200.0 Muhammad Aslam (Pakistan)
200.0 M. Sharif Butt (Pakistan)
200.0 Akhtar Kiyofuji (Japan)
200.0 Stephen Xavier (Hongkong)
200.0 Ram Sarup (India)
200.0 Genaro Cabrera (Phil.)
200.0 Gumpar Azores (Phil.)
200.0 Idris Singh (India)
200.0 Pedro Subido (Phil.)
200.0 Kuniaki Kato (Japan)
200.0 Norihiko Kubo (Japan)

400 METRES RUN
400.0 Kuniaki Kato (Japan)
400.0 Sohan Singh Dhanoo (India)
400.0 Chen Ying-long (R. of China)
400.0 J. B. Joseph (India)
400.0 Akira Kiyofuji (Japan)
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CAUGHT AT THE WICKET



The Australians appeal excitedly as Tom Graveney smacks his third delivery from Bill Johnston to give wicket-keeper Gil Langley a well-taken catch in England's second innings in the Second Test at Sydney on December 20. The Australian fast-medium left-hander, who dismissed Graveney for a duck, had Hutton caught by Ritchie Benaud three balls later.

It Seems Simple Enough To Get A Bicycle Of The Right Size

Says "NTACA"

No doubt many have wondered at the erratic progress on the roads of the younger element of the Hongkong cycling world as they crawl along on cycles too big for them, with saddles too high and handlebars so far forward that a full-length stretch is necessary to retain a grip.

These young riders wriggle from side to side in their endeavours to reach and turn the pedals, with a consequent snake-like form of progression which plays havoc with the nerves of other road-users.

Perhaps one of the reasons Hongkong has so few racing men is that they are all cut off in their youth whilst struggling to maintain a precarious balance on their over-sized machine.

One would think it would be a simple matter to obtain a bicycle of the correct size, but a recent visit to a cycle shop convinced me that any relationship between the sizes of a cycle and the purchaser, would be the result of a fantastic coincidence rather than judgment.

SLAP-HAPPY MANNER
I watched a man buy a bicycle for his son of about twelve years of age and was both fascinated and horrified at the slap-happy manner in which the deal was consummated.

Having walked around the shop and selected the model he desired, the lad was promptly hoisted on to the machine and the saddle lowered until he could just reach the pedals by pointing his toes. To reach the grips of the handlebars he had to stretch out until his body was parallel to the ground, with his arms at full length.

A perfunctory pump at the tyres, a handling over of the cash and the sale was completed. Boy wheeled his new acquisition outside, mounted and proceeded to wobble his worrying way down the traffic-filled road, Proud Dad bringing up the rear on his own maladjusted machine.

Less than fifty yards and tragedy joined the cast. A particularly violent shunt of the lad's posterior and the saddle twisted around until it pointed almost to the side, with the natural resultant transfer of the rider from cyclist to pedestrian status—hurriedly.

Followed an apparently scientific bash at the saddle by Dad.

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Hongkong Bisley Meeting Starts On January 23

The Fifth Hongkong Bisley Meeting will be held at Kai Tak Rifle Range from Sunday, January 23 to January 30, 1955.

Organised by the Hongkong Rifle Association and conducted by the Army by kind permission of H.E. Lieut. General C. S. Sugden, C.B., C.B.E., this is the biggest shooting competition held in this part of the world and this yearly event is looked forward to with eagerness by all ranks of the Services and civilians.

The forthcoming Meeting is expected to be even more popular than the previous ones as one new event has been added, and the number of trophies and prizes increased. Special prizes will also be awarded to tyros and ladies.

The Chief Range Officer will be Major G. Tring of the 25th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery and all personnel running the Meeting, such as markers, firing point officers and butt officers will be drawn from the same Regiment. Major J. A. M. Flood, R.A.C. will be the Chief State Officer.

There will be a total of 11 events in the Services Section with an extra day for the Inter-Services Challenge Match which will be completed on Friday, January 28, the last day of the Services Meeting. Previously, it was fired off about a month later.

In the Colony Championship or S.R. (b) competition, there are six rifle and three pistol events. The Colony Championship Event will take place on Sunday, January 23 and continued on January 29 and 30. The highlights of the Meeting will be the competition for the Governor's Prize and the Governor's Cup. The Governor's Prize is similar to the Queen's Prize and is open to all ranks of the Services.

The Services Section of the Meeting will commence from Monday, January 24 at 8.15 a.m. and will continue daily through Thursday, January 27. There will be competitions for Rifle S.R. (a) as well as light machine guns and revolvers. Special prizes will be given to contestants under 23 years of age.

SIDE SHOWS
Firing commences each day at 8.15 a.m. and finishes at 5.00 p.m. Many Side Shows will be run throughout the Meeting, such as 22 rifle application, 22 rifle shooting, 22 rifle and 22 pistol and Pool balls.

At the conclusion of the Meeting on Sunday, January 30, H.E. the Commander of the British Forces, Hongkong, Lieut. General C. S. Sugden, C.B., C.B.E., will present the prizes of 9.00 p.m. Medal will be rendered by a Military Band on that day. All those interested in rifle shooting are invited to attend the Prize presentation.

The Trophies will be displayed at the Trophy Tent on Sunday, January 30 at Kai Tak "A" Range.

All Entries for the Services Meeting must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than January 19, 1955. The entries for the Colony Championship will be closed on January 17, 1955. Entries received after these dates will not be accepted.

Smyslov Leads In Hastings Chess Congress

Hastings, Jan. 4.
Vasily Smyslov, one of the two Soviet players in the Premier Tournament of the Hastings Chess Congress, led at the end of the sixth round tonight with a score of 4½ points.

A drawn game today with L. Pachmann (Czechoslovakia) enabled him to go ahead of his fellow countryman, Paul Keres, who lost to A. Fuderer (Yugoslavia).

Pachmann, Keres and Wolfgang Unzicker, the Western German Champion, now share second place with four points.

The Championship thus remains open and tomorrow's game between Smyslov and Unzicker is expected to have an important bearing on it.—Reuter.



Hong Pairs Third Round On Saturday

The Hong Pairs Lawn Bowling Championship Third Round matches which are scheduled to be played off at Kowloon Bowling Green this Saturday, commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp, will see some stern struggles in the draw. Pairs will be matched throughout the eight games.

In two of these, the game between Standard-Vacuum v Acme Transport and that between Kowloon Docks and AMBB Corp, classic bowling should be seen despite the lay-off since, the closest of seasons.

In the latter match, one of the strong pairs, Bill Hong Sing and P. R. Angi of AMBB Corp, will match their ability against another equally favoured duo, that of Elliott and Bob Goulay of Kowloon Docks and there are expected the best match of the day.

In the event of inclement weather preventing play on Saturday, the matches will take place at the same time and venue the next day, Sunday, January 9. The following is the draw for the day: K.D.C. v W. McCall v Goulay; v D.C.C. v D. Neill v S. Leonard; v D.C.C. v C. E. Passes, A. A. Lopez; v Acme Transport v S. F. B. S. v T. Curry, R. J. Wiper; v Police v T. Kwan, J. J. Goodman.

Talks to S. M. A. Fraser, A. C. Spencer, A. Hutton, H.K. Land, S. Y. Doe, T. W. R. Wilson, v Trans, T. H. Xavier, A. E. Coates, R. Goulay, v AMBB Corp v W. Hong Sing, P. R. Angi.

K.D.C. v E. Francis, P. Kennedy, v Lane Crawford, v F. Lee, W. C. Ogley.

Electrics v A. Nevis, A. J. Coello, v Shewan Tomes, v D. B. Sequeira, C. A. Coelho.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Official Opening of H.K. Stadium, Lighting, 8 p.m. H.K. Stadium, 8 p.m. South China Athletic Stadium, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW
Ladies' Capri, 10 a.m. 1st Round. Football. Seafarers Football match: Maritime Service v R.N.

FRIDAY
Football. Seafarers Football match: British v Dutch. Meeting. H.K.F.A. Monthly Meeting, 12.0 p.m.

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Seamus O'Connell May Be Playing In Two Cup Finals This Year

Says GEORGE WHITING

Did you ever hear of a footballer playing in both the amateur and professional Cup Finals in one year? It could happen this season, and nobody need offer any facetious back-answers when I lay bare the fact that the professional club concerned is Chelsea. As a paying customer at Stamford Bridge these 30 years or more, I know all the rude words.

The player whose feet could make Cup Final history is an Englishman called Seamus Cyril Patrick O'Connell.

English with a name like that? Seamus, who was born in Carrigrohane 24 years ago, sports a middle-class background, and claims to be 100 per cent English as far as football is concerned.

Only when anybody wants a fight for nothing or a crossbred Angus bull for cash does he recall that his cattle-dealer dad came from County Kerry, or that his sisters are named Mairead, Eileen and Patricia.

O'Connell is the brown-haired, grey-eyed inside-left, who, with a goal in every tie, put Bishop Auckland into the Amateur Cup final against Crook Town last season.

DROPPED

He is also the sharpshooter who brought off a hat-trick for Chelsea against Manchester United last time out. Thirdly, he has played for the amateurs of England against those of Scotland and Holland.

And nobody can rightly blame ex-airman O'Connell if: (a) Bishop Auckland did not win their Cup; (b) Chelsea lost 5-6 to Manchester United; and (c) both the Scottish and Dutch amateurs put it across England, since when Seamus has been in the hot-brick class—dropped.

Subsequent to that Stamford Bridge hat-trick, it was hinted with no delicacy whatever that O'Connell would guest Bishop Auckland aside like an ancient booby on a gummed-up romantic, and place his feet at the exclusive disposal of Chelsea. But that is not correct, says Seamus.

Though fully conscious of the accolade bestowed upon him by Ted Drake ("Chelsea are a terrific team"), he has given his word that, despite omission from the first round, he will be available for any and all of Bishop Auckland's remaining ties in the Amateur Cup. And the word of an O'Connell is not to be taken lightly, be it given on a football pitch or in a cattle market.

TWO ITEMS

All of which would be a mighty pretty fairy story if only

Cohen To Defend Bantam Crown Against Towel

Paris, Jan. 4. It was announced today that a contract had been signed for Robert Cohen (France) to defend his world bantamweight title against Willie Towel (South Africa) in Johannesburg on March 5.

The announcement was made by Cohen's manager Gaston Charles Raymond, who said the champion had been guaranteed 40 per cent of the gate.

Cohen will leave for Johannesburg during the last week of January.

Raymond said the contract had been arranged with Big Haswell of the White City Stadium.

Yesterday from Johannesburg, it was announced that Julius Martin of the Transvaal Sporting Club had said his organization would not stage a Cohen-Towel fight because the champion's demands of a 40 per cent guarantee were excessive. —Reuter.

Five European Track Stars To Compete In U.S.

New York, Jan. 4. Dan Ferris, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Amateur Athletic Union, announced today the expected arrival within a week of five outstanding European athletes, all of whom will compete on the U.S. indoor track and field circuit.

The athletes are Auden Boyson of Norway, world record holder for 1,000 metres; Gunnar Nielsen of Denmark, who tied the world half mile record last summer; Lucien Dekeyser of Belgium; Olofsson of Sweden; and Ragnar Lundberg of Sweden, a pole vaulter. Lundberg will compete in Boston on Jan. 8.—United Press.

Bishop Auckland would play along. Unfortunately, there are a couple of items—both inside-lefts—capable of messing up the happy ending so far as Mr O'Connell is concerned.

ITEM ONE is Jackie Major, whose Fa Cup hat-trick against Crystal Palace put Bishop Auckland in the giant-killing class.

ITEM TWO is England's current amateur inside-left, Derek Lewis, recruited from Northern Nomads and Oldham Athletic.

On January 22, when the Blishops play Erith and Belvedere in the second round of the Amateur Cup, we shall know whether O'Connell of Carlisle is chasing a mirage or a miracle.

Not until February 19 will any question of divided loyalty arise—that particular Saturday being set aside for the fifth round of the FA Cup on the fourth round of the Amateur Cup. A similar clash occurs on March 6. On those days, if asked, O'Connell will be "true blue" for the amateur Blishops.

STAYING AMATEUR

To play in one Cup Final at Wembley is a footballer's dream. To perform in two in the same season is unheard of. And as for winning a Cup medal with Chelsea, well, the least I should expect is immortality.

Incidentally, Seamus tells me he is not turning professional. The O'Connells are doing all right with cattle.

Here is a slightly regretful postscript on flyweight boxing.

SHEK-O GOLF

The results of the Medal and Bogey competitions held at Shek-O during December were as follows:

Medal Competition

"A" section: A. G. Donn (5)—63; W. P. Colman (10)—67; P. V. Hayshe (3)—68.

"B" section: A. C. Villar (24)—59; F. E. Scott (17)—64; N. F. Scaries (13)—66; G. C. Moyle (13)—67.

Bogey Competition

"A" section: A. G. Donn (5)—2 Up; P. V. Hayshe (3)—1 Up; J. Kinloch (9)—All square.

"B" section: A. C. Villar (24)—3 Up; E. Boycott (14)—2 Up; C. E. Wallace (12)—1 Up; M. S. Rice (14)—1 Up; W. B. Shellcray (15)—1 Up; F. E. Scott (17)—1 Up.

There will be a Stableford competition throughout the month of January and an Ecclesiastical competition (maximum of 4 cards per competitor), over the China New Year holidays, (January 22 to 25).

affairs from Joe Wilson, who, 43 years ago, threw enthusiastic fists in the first Longdale Belt contests at that weight. He writes:

"Reading your article about Dan Dower and Eric Marsden receiving a four-figure purse for their British Flyweight Championship fights reminds me of the rather different conditions when I was one of the first contenders for that title.

"On December 4, 1911, at the old National Sporting Club, I fought Sid Smith 20 rounds, and our purse was £100—split 65 and 35, plus £5 for training. I was born too soon."

Smith, winner on points, got the £65.

—(London Express Service).

Archie Moore May Fight Carl Olson

New York, Jan. 4. Promoter Jim Norris said today he was negotiating for a light heavyweight title fight between Archie Moore, ruler of the 175-pounders, and middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson for a New York Ball Park in June.

He also said he would like to have former Champions Sugar Ray Robinson and Kid Gavilan meet again after each "go's two or three fights under his belt."

Robinson, former welterweight and middleweight Champion, has come out of retirement and will have his first comeback fight against Joe Rindone in Detroit tomorrow night. Gavilan, who lost his welterweight crown in November, will soon get back into action.

Before Robinson's retirement, Gavilan lost two interesting bouts to Robinson. —United Press.

Bullfighter Back In Good Shape

Manila, Jan. 5. The Portuguese bullfighter, Jose Rosa Rodriguez, was yesterday pronounced by doctors here to be in "good shape" and will appear in tomorrow's resumption of the Manila bullfights.

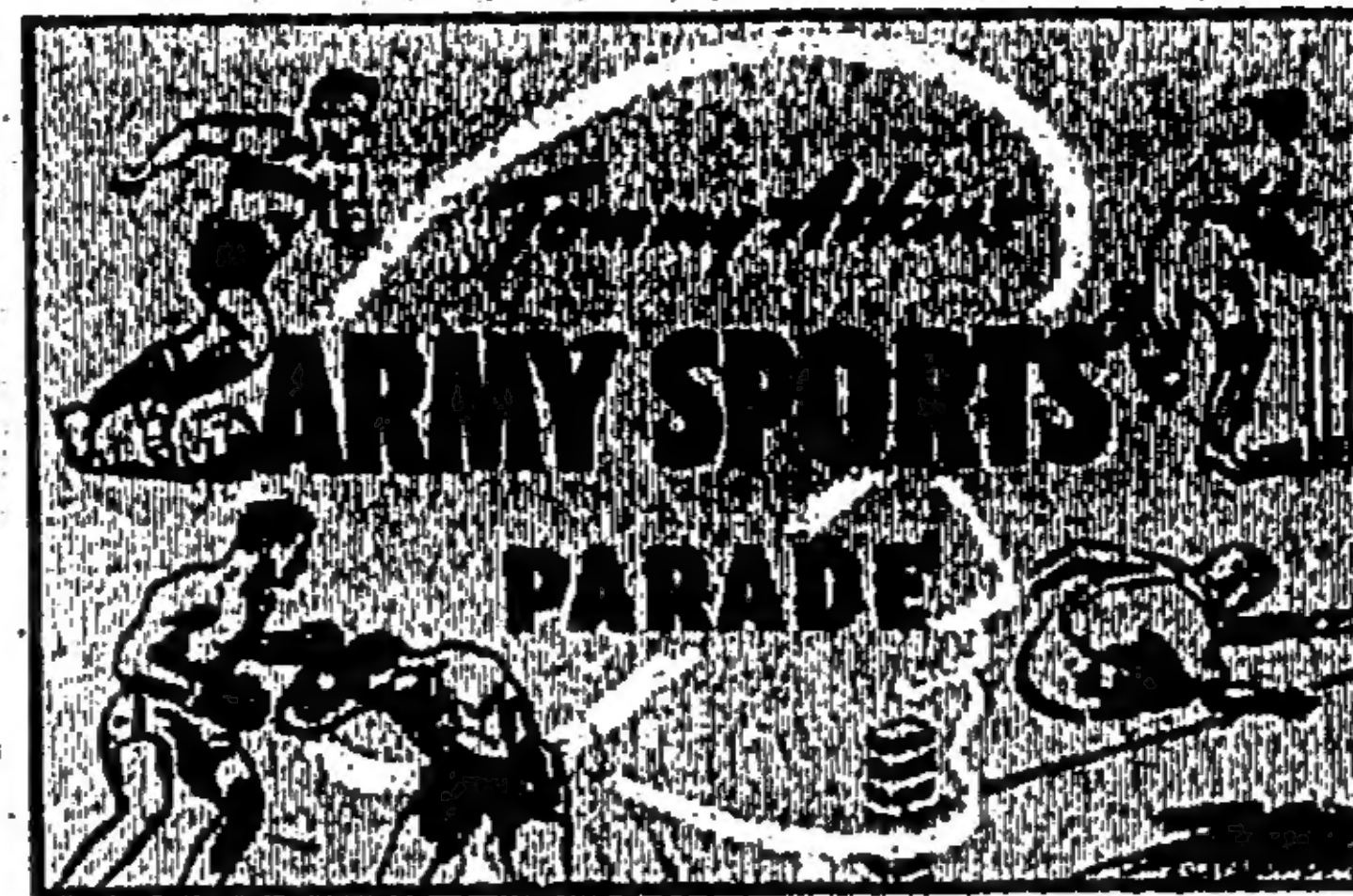
Rodriguez, in the opening corrida on December 31, fell from his mount and dislocated his left shoulder when charged by a bull.

Appearing with him is the Spanish bullfighter Manolo Navarro. —France-Press.

NOT TOO FAST



Stirling Moss, young British racing driver who's used to travelling at 100 miles an hour, plus grinds away at the pedals—but gets nowhere. He's using the pedal-cycle machine, designed to improve stamina, in preparation for his first appearance with the Mercedes team in the Argentine Grand Prix on January 30. —United Press.



The spot of honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week is awarded to two young sportsmen who, playing in a minor football game the other day, displayed the very highest standard of sportsmanship.

The game itself was a relatively unimportant one and nothing much more than prestige was at stake. However, it was being played hard enough, and with a few raucous voices on the touchline to lend encouragement to the players, there was no lack of spirit in the proceedings.

The score was even when the ball landed in the goal-mouth. The keeper caught it on the ground but it slipped out of his hands and just as the opposing centre-forward went to kick it the goalkeeper dived at it again.

From where I was standing—I was a very casual spectator—it looked as though the forward could have got his foot to the ball but there was obviously a risk of injury to the goalkeeper, and the centre-forward turned on his heel and moved away.

The goalkeeper cleared the ball up field and as he was running back to his goal he acknowledged the sporting act of his opponent with a hasty handshake.

The incident was probably a little thing but it is always reassuring to see young players behaving like this for in such hands the future of the game is safe.

If the list of entries from the Army is to be taken as a guide there is going to be an imposing array of talent at the HKAAA Open Meeting at Caroline Hill on Sunday, January 16.

The Army entries now total 60 and as three members of the WRAC are included in the list there is every possibility of the military representatives having a successful day.

CARRYING ON

There has been no more popular Rugby team in the Colony in recent years than that of the 1st Bn. Welch Regiment. With memories of their play still both vivid and pleasant, enthusiasts will be delighted to hear that the team is carrying on the high standard it showed in winning the FARELF Championship last season.

News has just reached the Colony that the Welch have reached the semi-final of the Army Rugby Cup in the United Kingdom by beating Trg. Bn. RASC in the 5th round. According to the report this was an excellent game which went to extra time before Pte. Howells dropped a goal to give them a 3-nil victory.

Pte. Roberts, the Welch full-back, was the outstanding player in the winning side, but generally the play of the backs was superior to that of the forwards.

The opposition in the semi-final will be the winners of the 5th round match between 69 Training Regiment, RAC and Boys Bn. Royal Signals Training Regiment, which is due to be played on January 8.

The semi-final will be played on January 10 and I hope it will be possible to get an early report on the game.

Entries for the FARELF Team Boxing Championships are being received in encouraging numbers and up to yesterday afternoon eight nominations had come to hand.

The list so far is 1st Bn. Essex Regt., 1st King's Own Regt., 1st North Staffordshire Regt., 2nd Med. Regt. RA, 25th Regt. RA, 72nd LAA Regt. RA, 6th COD, 1st Bn. Northamptonshire Regt.

It is understood that 27th Gurkha Rifles will probably swell the list to nine. One of the surprises is the absence of the REME team which has been so prominent in our boxing affairs this season.

RE-DRAW

Due to the omission of two teams from the original ballot it has been necessary to re-draw the 1st round pairings of the Minor Units Knockout Football Cup.

The amended draw now reads as follows:—

CPO v. No. 3 Supply Depot. Command Workshops v. 28 FDS. 15th Fd. Pk. Sqn RE v. 11th Inf. Workshops. 56th Fd. Sqn RE v. 18th Field Ambulance.

The first three games will be played this afternoon while the date for the fourth game is being mutually arranged between the two sides. In the event of a draw extra-time of 10 minutes each way will be played.

The following teams have been drawn:—1st Bn. Essex Regt. v. 1st North Staffordshire Regt. on January 16. 27th Gurkha Rifles v. 25th Med. Regt. RA on January 17. 72nd LAA Regt. RA v. 6th COD on January 18.

Around Hollywood With MICHAEL RUDDY

IF YOU HAVE ROOM FOR A DOG, YOU HAVE ROOM FOR A BURRO

Had this winter in Hollywood is for baby burros, the little donkeys from Mexico. Film stars with an acre or so of meadow have been buying them for their children. Burros cost \$75 each, were advertised as "huggable, lovable long-eared pets which can be kept in your garden."

"If you have room for a dog, you have room for a burro." Heigh-ho, burro! The James Mason's Portland wanted three, compromised on one.

Nearby Glenn Ford's son has one and around Hollywood, 200 were sold.

ACTION-PACKED

If you enjoy violence, brutality, magnificent scenery and Burt Lancaster and Gary Cooper as a brace of freebooters in Mexico, post-civil War, do see "Vera Cruz." It was produced by Lancaster's own company, H-L Pictures Inc., and as a friend of mine said, "It's a h— of a picture—if you like action-packed movies."

Barely recognisable wearing heavy-framed spectacles, hair close-cropped, Lancaster stood in the foyer of the Academy Theatre, greeting friends and film critics. He grinned toothily, as he does in the movie, Super-scope and colour, and agreed with many who said it was "sure-fire box-office" just as "Apache" is.

As studies are showing their best films before the year's end, to enter them for the Academy Awards we've seen several excellent films, like "The Country Girl," with Bing Crosby giving an understanding and poignant portrayal of an actor-singer who cannot give up the bottle.

And Grace Kelly brilliant as the embittered, but devoted wife. For suspense and some extraordinary acting, there's a remarkable cast, and "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," Walt Disney's version of the Jules Verne classic with James Mason, Paul Lukas, Kirk Douglas and Peter Lorre and the biggest octopus in history. I'm told it cost Disney \$200,000 and I doubt whether C. B. De Mille could have improved on it.

PLAYS ANYTHING

Between scenes of "The Court Jester," Danny Kaye's farcical

fantasy about Merry Old England, Angela Lansbury, the wild Princess who tries to grab Danny the Jester for herself, said, "Being a good actress in Hollywood doesn't mean a thing unless you get good parts and forceful publicity. I was a critic's actress at M-G-M but producers saw me only as a character actress. Now I play anything from trolls to princesses." If you recognise Glynis Johns in this, you win a steak and kidney pudding.

Glynis wears a long, black wig, waved and curled, changes her voice when she's chief of the outlaws.

In Las Vegas when I rang her, Betty Hutton insists that she's retiring with a firm insistence on her desire to lead a normal life with her children. "I've been in show business for over 30 years and I've had it." Prediction: She'll be offered a good Betty Hutton story next spring and she'll film it. She's picked out her third husband, Alan Livingston in the recording business.

Personal Nominations: For the Year's Most Travelled Filmstar, Ava Gardner. For the Year's Frankest Filmstar, Ava Gardner. And the Most Co-operative, Marilyn Monroe, who does exactly as her bosses want her to. The Year's Biggest Comebacks: Judy Garland and Frank Sinatra. The Year's Flattest Flop, in Hollywood and elsewhere, Dior's.

DAUGHTER MARRYING

Sight of the week: Alan Ladd wearing mink-lined gunnits driving his Aston-Martin convertible. His daughter, Alana, will marry M-G-M's Dick

Anderson at the Ladd mansion in Holmby Hills on January 22.

The "music" heard in the vicinity of the Dick Fowell house in Brentwood is from the family jazz sessions with June Allyson at the piano, Dick on the tenor saxophone and the children on violin, trumpet and trombone.

Jan Sterling was told by husband, Paul Douglas, that she could have anything she wanted if she got an Oscar nomination for her role "The High and the Mighty." She asked for a sewing-machine.

James Stewart and Alfred Hitchcock will be partners in a remake of "They Knew Too Much." For the next month, Jimmy and his charming wife, Faye East, will be touring the Far East. I talked to the lanky actor before they left, told him that "That Glenn Miller Story" was very popular in Britain. "Gosh, I'm glad real glad," was his comment. Jimmy's no speech-maker.

GABLE RETIRING?

Clark Gable is again talking of retiring—"at the end of '55 when I'll be nearly 55," he said on his return from Hongkong with Michael Rennie for exorcism of "Soldier of Fortune." If he does retire, he'll co-produce pictures. He owns several stories and was a partner some years ago in a production company.

Frank Sinatra recorded "Old Devil Moon" for "Finian's Rainbow." In the studio was his son, Frankie Jr. wearing identical grey flannels and dark brown Shetland sock. Junior said, "Dad, that was cool, real cool." Which is the greatest compliment Sinatra could get.

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